



Catholic Charities' Regional Agency

Invites you to a

Fabulous Night at Home!

In support of the Christina House

January 2012...any night of your choice!

No need to do anything...relax, watch a movie, sleep

REGRETS ONLY

We look forward to hearing from you!

Catholic Charities Regional Agency is holding its first annual "Night At Home" in support of the Christina House, our domestic violence shelter located in Columbiana, County.

You will be purchasing a ticket to our "non-event" entitling you to stay at home and relax. Catholic Charities can save money for our programming by not renting a room, purchasing food, beverages, entertainment and more.

YOU win by saving money on an outfit (wear your cozy pajamas), no expenses for a baby-sitter, parking, raffle tickets and more!

Just to summarize...

This event will NOT take place in January

Dinner will NOT be served at 6:00 p.m.

NO program will be held at 8:00 p.m.

With this entire savings, we ask that you consider a donation along with your "Response Card" - enclosed. Enjoy the coffee and domestic violence awareness stickers! We look forward to hearing from you soon! Enjoy your night in!

Love shouldn't hurt... do your part to stop domestic violence...

Respond today!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

_____ **YES**, I will "stay in" and donate. Number _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

_____ No, I am unable to "attend" at this time.

Make checks payable to Catholic Charities. Kindly respond before January 31, 2012. Questions? Contact Nikole Baringer (330) 744-8451 ext. 323. Thank you!

Reservations are encouraged online with a credit card. Visit our website www.ccdoy.org

Thank you.

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocations Committees

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

January 2012/Cycle B

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2012

“They made known what had been told them about this Child.” If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious, please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

The Epiphany -- January 8, 2012

“Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to open your treasure and give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? If this is the path God is calling you to follow then please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 15, 2012

When God calls out to us, are we ready to respond “Here I am?” Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To find out more, please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 22, 2012

“Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” We are to put aside that which keeps us from following the way of Christ. Explore that possibility that He may be calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? If you believe that you are being called in this way please contact Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 29, 2012

“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” The voice of God invites us to live a particular way in this world. Could that invitation for you be to serve as a priest, religious or as a deacon? If you are considering one of these vocations, please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions

January 2012/Cycle B

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2012

That through our Blessed Mother’s intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany -- January 8, 2012

That during National Vocation Awareness Week, every parishioner will help foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, lay ecclesial ministry and consecrated life through prayer and words of invitation and encouragement, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 15, 2012

That all baptized Catholics will respond to God's call and recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the unique calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 22, 2012

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven among us, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 29, 2012

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for January & February 2011

January 2, 2011 (Epiphany of the Lord)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

January 16, 2011 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

January 30, 2011 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures us good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

February 5, 2011 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

February 19, 2011 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that – to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

January 9, 2011 (Baptism of the Lord)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising out of the sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts - their selves - their resources – at God's service in and through the Church."

January 23, 2011 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

February 12, 2011 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

February 27, 2011 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses examples found in nature to make it clear that God cares for His creation. Therefore, those that seek the Kingship of God will be fed by the Father and have all they need. The good steward knows that when we share our gifts, God likewise will see to it that our needs are met. So why worry, if you have faith in God?



**Remembering Our
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Celebrating Our
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Claiming Our
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WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Bulletin Announcement

May be posted beginning on December 18, 2011 until February 5, 2012

The universal Church has been celebrating *World Day for Consecrated Life* since 1997. Bishop George Murry, S.J. invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our Diocese on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar.

February 12, 2012

This Sunday we celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life* at St. Columba Cathedral at the **10:30 a.m.** liturgy. Light refreshments will follow at the cathedral hall. All are welcome. During this celebration we recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.



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WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

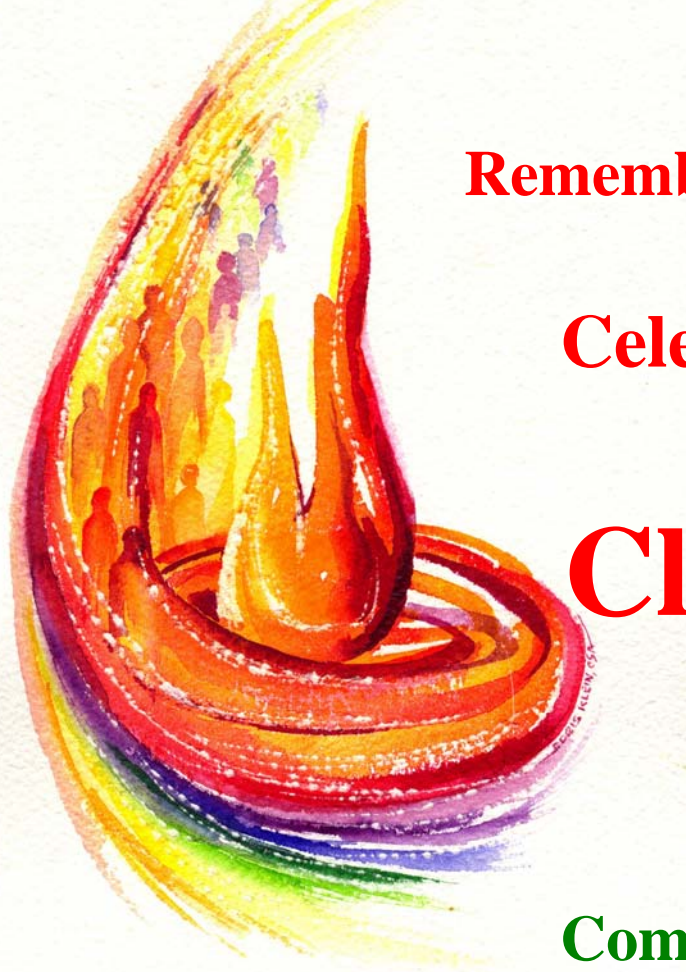
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presider: Loving God in faith and confidence we dare to leave everything and become your followers.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, our Bishop George Murry and all leaders in the Church that they will continue to guide the Church and gather all into God's kingdom.
- For all consecrated women and men, may they be beacons of hope, and proclaimers of the Word through lives lived in joy and peace.
- For the Church in the Diocese of Youngstown, may we be a continual "yes" that expresses a deepened concern and care for the poor, the sick, the homeless, and the oppressed.
- That all of our youth will hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" and each will generously respond, "Here I am send me."
- For all of our deceased, especially those religious who labored in God's vineyard for so many years. May God grant them eternal rest.

Presider: Loving God, hear our prayers. Help us to see the needs of your people and respond. Enkindle our hearts with faith and love to do what we can to make this world a better place. Hear and answer these prayers through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Come Celebrate...

**WORLD DAY OF
CONSECRATED LIFE**

with

BISHOP GEORGE V. MURRY, S.J.

and

**THE RELIGIOUS OF
The Diocese of Youngstown**

Sunday, February 19, 2012

**St. Columba Cathedral
10:30 A.M. Liturgy**

Light refreshments to follow at St. Columba Hall

**January 1, 2012 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is “already a person” or “still a person,” and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard

January 8, 2012 The Epiphany of the Lord

A society is truly human when without reservations it protects and respects the dignity of every person from conception until the moment of his or her natural death. However, should it decide to “get rid” of its members in the greatest need of protection, ... it would be behaving in a profoundly inhuman and also distorted manner with regard to the equality — obvious to every person of good will — of the dignity of all people, in all the stages of life.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011

January 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scientific research provides a unique opportunity to explore the wonder of the universe, the complexity of nature and the distinctive beauty of life, including human life. But since human beings are endowed with immortal souls and are created in the image and likeness of God, there are dimensions of human existence that lie beyond the limits of what the natural sciences are competent to determine. If these limits are transgressed, there is a serious risk that the unique dignity and inviolability of human life could be subordinated to purely utilitarian considerations.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the “International Conference on Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture,” November 12, 2011

January 22, 2012 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The potential benefits of adult stem cell research are very considerable, since it opens up possibilities for healing chronic degenerative illnesses by repairing damaged tissue and restoring its capacity for regeneration. The improvement that such therapies promise would constitute a significant step forward in medical science, bringing fresh hope to sufferers and their families alike. For this reason, the Church naturally offers her encouragement to those who are engaged in conducting and supporting research of this kind, always with the proviso that it be carried out with due regard for the integral good of the human person and the common good of society.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the “International Conference on Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture,” November 12, 2011

January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HHS's new mandate for contraception/sterilization coverage ... includes an incredibly narrow exemption for “religious employers” that protects almost no one. For example, a Catholic institution serving the poor and needy would have to fire its non-Catholic staff, refuse life-affirming care to non-Catholic people in need, and devote itself instead to “the inculcation of religious values” to qualify for the exemption. Individuals, insurers, and the sponsors of non-employee health plans (e.g., student health plans in Catholic schools) would have no exemption at all. This effort to corral religion exclusively into the sanctuaries of houses of worship betrays a complete ignorance of the role of religion in American life, and of Congress's long tradition of far more helpful laws on religious freedom.

~Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Letter to Congress, September 7, 2011, in support of the “Respect for Rights of Conscience Act”

Intercessions for Life January 2012

January 1, 2012 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

For children who are orphaned, abandoned, or whose mothers cannot care for them:

that they will be strengthened and comforted

by the knowledge of the Blessed Mother's tender love for them;

We pray to the Lord:

January 8, 2012 The Epiphany of the Lord

For all who support abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia,

the death penalty or other destruction of human life:

that the light of our Christian witness will guide them to the Lord of Life and Truth;

We pray to the Lord:

January 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For victims of prejudice due to their race, national origin or religious belief:

that they be respected and valued for their equal and inherent dignity;

We pray to the Lord:

January 22, 2012 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For our federal and state leaders in the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government:

that they will enact, uphold, and enforce laws to defend and promote the right to life

of all human beings, especially those not yet born;

We pray to the Lord:

January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those who have committed sins against the sanctity of human life,

especially those near death:

that they may be reconciled with God;

We pray to the Lord:

**Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry
Diocese of Youngstown
Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes – January 2012**

**January 1, 2012 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

The Pope Paul VI Institute is the only Catholic Institution of its type in the United States and perhaps the world that has dedicated its services to the development of morally and professionally acceptable reproductive health services. The Institute is nationally and internationally recognized for its major accomplishments, including the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System (CrMS), the official language of a woman's health and fertility and the new women's health science, NaProTECHNOLOGY. For more information visit www.popepaulvi.com.

January 8, 2012 The Epiphany of the Lord

In 1996, I became exposed to contemporary natural family planning when I attended a California conference for NFP professionals. I learned for the first time – after twenty years in OB/GYN – that NFP was not the Rhythm method, and that it worked 98-99% of the time!

-Mary L. Davenport, MD

January 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Learning NFP started to bring us closer together immediately. It forced Dom and me to confront and communicate on the issues of children and family. It drew us closer together; we felt the grace immediately.

- Dominic and Kathy Cavaretta

January 22, 2012 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the Supreme Court candidly states [in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*], we need abortion so that we can continue our contraceptive lifestyles. It rather clearly implies that as long as we are a contraceptive culture we must be an abortive culture.

-Janet E. Smith, “The Right to Privacy”, p. 73

January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NaProTECHNOLOGY (Natural Procreative Technology) is a new women's health science that monitors and maintains a woman's reproductive health. It provides medical and surgical treatments that cooperate completely with the reproductive system. Visit www.naprotechnology.com for more information.



Ordinary Time Scripture Reflection Year B 2012

PRAYER

Begin your reflection with an invocation to the Holy Spirit and with other opening prayers, hymns, and canticles appropriate for the season.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
O Lord who by the light of the Holy Spirit
Did instruct the hearts of your faithful.
Grant that by that same Spirit,
We may be truly wise
And ever enjoy your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Proclaim the Gospel passage.

- * **2nd Sunday** **January 15th** **John 1:35-41**
- * **3rd Sunday** **January 22nd** **Mk 1:14-20**
- * **4th Sunday** **January 29th** **Mk 1:21-28**
- * **Presentation
of the Lord** **February 2nd** **Lk 2:22-40**

- * **5th Sunday** **February 5th** **Mk 1:29-39**
- * **6th Sunday** **February 12th** **Mk 1:40-45**
- * **7th Sunday** **February 19th** **Mk 2:1-12**

*Each person is invited to silently reflect upon the scriptural text.
Someone may be inspired to reread the passage for the group.*





MEDITATION

In prayer, meditate on the selected passage using the following questions:

- † **Examine the context of the passage: Who is in the text? Where? When? What is happening?**
- † **What phrase, words, images, or ideas stay with me as I reflect on this passage?**
- † **What thoughts, ideas, or images in this passage make me feel uncomfortable? Why? (The conversion question: "Conversion starts at the edge of our awareness and acceptance and that change usually makes us uneasy" [McKenna 225].)**
- † **What can I do to make this gospel passage come true in my life? In my community? (Start simply, be specific, share insights, and act. [225].)**
- † **What in this passage gives me hope and joy? Why?**

These questions may be used for personal meditation and/or for small group reflection.

CONTEMPLATION and DIALOGUE

In prayerful contemplation, continue to reflect on the scriptural passage and questions.

Open your heart to the powerful presence of God.

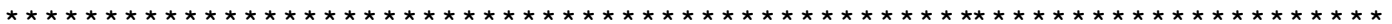
Within a small group, this personal and private contemplation moves to communal reflection and dialogue.

ACTION

Prayerful reflection on the Word of God moves us to personal and communal conversion and discernment for action. The "hope" empowers us to bring this discernment to life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer completes the movement of the scriptural reflection. This prayer may be formal or spontaneous and may include petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.

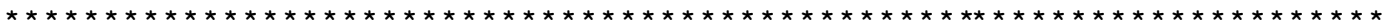


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